

of Mr. Rowland's efforts, Fresno County Probation Department became the first probation department to open a unit specifically designed to provide services to crime victims; including victims of homicide, domestic violence, and crimes against children. Mr. Rowland developed the first victim impact statement, to provide the judiciary with an objective currently part of the law.

After his time with the Fresno County Probation Office, Mr. Rowland served as the director of the California Youth Authority and the director of the California Department of Corrections. He established the Office of Victims of Crimes in both agencies. While working with the state, he instituted classes within the prisons for inmates to attend. In these classes they learned about the impact of their crime on their victim. Mr. Rowland has also taken the initiative to change the justice system within California by developing a system that is more accommodating, appreciative, and responsive to the suffering of those that are victims of a crime.

Mr. Rowland's work within California has extended nationwide and even worldwide. He has been the recipient of many prestigious awards from Peppardine University and Harvard University, as well as various criminal justice and private agencies, for his contributions to the field of corrections. Mr. Rowland has become internationally known as a crime victims advocate, and he has changed the way people perceive the victim. In his retirement Mr. Rowland continues to provide direction and assistance to persons and agencies that work within the justice system.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Mr. James Rowland for his work toward crime victims assistance and the dedication of the James Rowland Crime Victims Assistance Center. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Mr. Rowland many years of continued success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 24, 2007

Mr. PUTNAM. Madam Speaker, on October 22, 2007 I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall votes 983, 984 and 985. Had I been present, I would have voted: rollcall vote 983, "no", rollcall vote 984, "aye", rollcall vote 985, "aye".

IN MEMORY OF DR. PARMER RICHARDSON, UNITED STATES NAVY

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 24, 2007

Mr. SESSIONS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of Dr. Parmer Richardson, a World War II veteran, and in honor of his patriotism and a life dedicated to service. He joined the United States Navy in the summer of 1941.

Though he spent most of his service as a radioman specializing in communications technology, he originally joined with the intent to

become a pilot and was persuaded by a Navy recruiter who promised him flight training. He was sent to various areas in the United States as well as Canada and Mendora in the Philippines. After being discharged, Parmer began his 55-year dental practice.

World War II is known as the deadliest conflict in human history, taking the lives of over 70 million people. During this difficult time, our country stood united behind our brave service men and women who so willingly took to the battlefields to defend freedom and democracy. It is veterans like Parmer that helped us emerge victorious from World War II and restore hope and humanity in a world that was shattered by the darkness of hatred and violence.

He is survived by his wife, Jane Richardson, of Duncanville, TX. He will be remembered as a devoted family man, a lover of flying, and a proud veteran and American. His patriotism, courage, and selflessness are example of what make America great. Madam Speaker, I ask my esteemed colleagues to join me in expressing our deepest gratitude for his service to this great Nation. May God bless all those he loved, and may I convey to them my sincerest condolences and the gratitude of the American people.

SPEAK ENGLISH

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 24, 2007

Mr. POE. Madam Speaker, walk into any public school, police station, or hospital and you will surely hear public officials speaking in another language than English. We are using taxes from hardworking Americans to hire employees for the sole purpose of being able to communicate with people who refuse to learn English. These people are making the choice not to assimilate as Americans and learn English, but keeping their allegiance to Mexico or whichever country they immigrated from. The United States has had a long history of immigrants, but all of the different cultures desired to become one unified America. The English language was the common bridge to which these cultures could relate, and the same can still hold true today. That is why I passionately encourage the passing of H.R. 997, the English Language Unity Act of 2007.

This bill will require official functions of the United States to be conducted in English only. In addition, it declares that the English language requirements and workplace policies, whether in the public or private sector, shall be presumptively consistent with the laws of the United States.

I believe Teddy Roosevelt had it right when he said: "There can be no divided allegiance here. Any man who says he is an American, but is something else also, isn't an American at all. We have room for but one flag, the American flag. We have room for but one language here, and that is the English language . . . and we have room for but one sole loyalty and that is a loyalty to the American people."

And that's just the way it is.

TRIBUTE TO MOBILEMED OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 24, 2007

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my appreciation and gratitude to Mobile Medical Care, Inc. for its 40 years of service to the medically disadvantaged of Montgomery County, Maryland.

MobileMed was founded in 1967 by the late Dr. Herman Meyersburg and Dr. George Cohen. While serving as a volunteer tutor in a home-study program in the Kensington community, Dr. Meyersburg noticed that many program participants were without health insurance or access to medical care. In its early years, MobileMed was funded largely through the contributions of its own volunteer physicians. Its first clinic was located in the basement of a Kensington church.

Today, 27 staff members and over 200 volunteer medical professionals provide health care services to approximately 5,000 Montgomery County residents each year, including 1,500 Head Start children. Through increased funding and volunteer participation, MobileMed seeks to expand its ability to serve more of the estimated 100,000 Montgomery County residents who cannot afford health care.

Throughout the last 40 years, MobileMed has fulfilled its mission of providing low-cost medical care to our community's homeless, low income, uninsured, and working poor in a respectful, competent, and compassionate manner. We in Montgomery County, Maryland are grateful for the dedication and efforts of MobileMed and its volunteers.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing and honoring forty years of dedicated and outstanding service by MobileMed.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 24, 2007

Mr. KING of New York. Madam Speaker, due to the recent passing of my mother, I did not return to Washington until yesterday afternoon. However, if I had been present yesterday morning, this is how I would have voted on the rollcall vote I missed: rollcall No. 986—on motion to table the resolution, "no."

TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL HEIERMANN

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 24, 2007

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the patriotism of Michael Heiermann.

Michael is a High School Junior from Mt. Vernon, Illinois. For several years now, he has put out small American flags throughout his neighborhood to mark special national holidays.

President Kennedy said, "A nation reveals itself not only by the men it produces but also